

Finding Common Ground

20 November 2025 | 10:00 – 14:00 (including lunch)

Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8

AGENDA

10:00-10:05	Welcome and Introduction Dr Mary Kelly, Academic Dean, Hibernia College
10:05-10:45	Review of QQI as an awarding body Róisín Morris-Drennan , Head of Qualifications Standards and Certification (Acting) & Mairéad Boland , Head of Quality Assurance
10:45-11:20	Panel Discussion: The role professional accreditation plays in policy planning (Anchor presentation by Tim Conlon , Head of Policy & Strategic Planning, Higher Education Authority – 5 minutes) Panel Chair: Dr Lynn Ramsey , CEO, QQI Tim Conlon , Head of Policy & Strategic Planning, Higher Education Authority Lewis Purser , Director, Learning, Teaching & Academic Affairs, Irish Universities Association (IUA) Sean O'Reilly , Academic Affairs and Data, Technological Universities Association (TUA) Shauna Dunlop , Director of Research, Future Skills Needs, Statistics and Risk, SOLAS Eimear Ellis , Assistant Principal Officer, Higher Education Policy & Reform, Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS)
11:20-11:50	Tea / coffee break and networking
11:50-12:20	Building a Culture of Recognition – progress to date and next steps Andrina Wafer , Head of International Mobility and Prior Learning Development Directorate, QQI
12:20-12:55	MSc Information and Library Management – A Joint Revalidation/Accreditation Dr David Williams , Academic Director, Computing, Dublin Business School (DBS) Kathryn Smith , Associate Librarian, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences on behalf of the Library Association of Ireland (LAI) Catherine Gallagher , County Librarian, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council on behalf of DBS' industry advisory board as part of their relationship with the LAI. Michelle Gallagher , Manager, Research and Innovation, QQI (formerly Manager, HE Validation)
12:55-13:00	Reflection and Close Dr Mary Kelly, Academic Dean, Hibernia College